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LAURA TEARSE'S 4.0 MAKES HER THE 1986 GRADUATE SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN

Laura J. Tearse has been named the 1986 valedictorian for the University of San Diego graduate schools.

Tearse, 25, is graduating with a master's degree in education and a cumulative 4.0 grade point average.

She will be among some 210 graduate students receiving degrees Sunday, May 25, from USD's Schools of Education, Business and Nursing.

Tearse, a San Diego resident, "was shocked" at being named valedictorian, but credits her academic achievement to a keen interest in the field of education.

She plans to pursue a doctorate, but first intends to teach in the classroom and work with remedial students. She has earned credentials to teach elementary grades. She holds a bachelor's degree from USD.

Tearse is the daughter of Walter Tearse, president of Cogentech, Inc. in Jackson, Wyoming, and Jeanne Tearse, manager of Wyoming Woman, a Jackson apparel shop.

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